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To Governor Pritzker and Members of the General Assembly:

The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) is a legislative foundation that promotes performance transparency and financial integrity of Illinois taxpayer dollars. On behalf of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB), we submit the seventh GATA annual report as required by statute. This year's report is focused on state agency accomplishments and GATA framework enhancements.

Illinois relies extensively on grantee partners who aid in distribution of assistance to citizens and businesses and deliver essential services and programs through grant agreements with state agencies. On average, Illinois spends almost two-thirds of its general revenue budget through grants.<sup>1</sup> In addition, Illinois received an unprecedented amount of COVID response funds in the form of grants during FY21. Centralized grant management systems promote performance transparency and financial integrity of public funds.

GOMB and the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit (GATU) are grateful for the continued support of the Pritzker Administration and members of the General Assembly. On-going GATA listening sessions demonstrate our commitment to open communication and provide practical feedback to improve equitable access to grant funding and simplify the grant administration user experience. With the significant increase in federal funding due to COVID-19, Illinois' grant management structure enables our state to provide the federally expected transparency for demonstrate sound stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

Alexis Sturm, Director

Lori Beeler, GATU Director

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<sup>1</sup> Fiscal year 2022 enacted budget